

Hello. I'm Zak Not Kyle, a now former Senate moderator. As evident by the fact that this exists, I'm leaving the Senate permanently.

I didn't know the full extent of what had transpired with the other moderators on staff, specifically with Eren and Aiden. I sympathize with their stories, but I will always wait for both sides of a story to be released before I cut people off, burn bridges, etc. While I do wait for Lio's statement, I've expressed to him that I'm done fighting the Senate's battles. I can't do it anymore.

I think that I am very capable of handling situations when they are thrown at me, as many of you have been able to see over the last few months of me as a moderator here. However, I've not only witnessed other moderators and Lio fall into behavior they shouldn't have, but also witnessed first hand how Lio is affected by all of this. It's ugly.

The Senate has never been something that should have the brunt of the work be put onto one person in the way Lio has taken it on. In six years, he never took a break. It's hard to see my friend, someone that I've gone to bat for publicly, someone I've trusted with my own story and situation I'm in, self-destruct for the sake of helping others. Whether he does so successfully or not is up for debate and not my place to say. He is only now properly going to get therapy and help, which I commend him for. It's unfortunate that it had to come to this point, though.

In the time I've been here, I've witnessed Lio's behavior and the way he holds himself around others. I've been writing and editing a lot of his scripts, especially in regards to the Jay, Jordyn, and Kumo accusations. I've seen behaviors and jokes made at the expense of mental health that came off as ableist. While it may not have been Lio's intent, intent doesn't equal impact. It's a behavior that unfortunately has reared its ugly head far too many times after that behavior was disavowed in relation to the Rosa Rey Ramsey situation.

Hearing the full extent of the things in regards to the victim of Vida that Lio said, I am appalled. That person was a minor in the screenshots and in the call was only 18. It does make me uneasy to see this and I am heartbroken by it. Once again, I'll reiterate that I am waiting to see how Lio responds to all of this and explains things, but it is awful to see.

I have also defected over to the Supreme Court, run by ex-Senate moderators and members. I really want to support them in any way I can as they are my friends. I've gotten to be friends with so many of you lovely people, even if I bully you guys sometimes. You deserve a better community, and that's what we're promising there. Hopefully behaviors won't be repeated there and we can work toward what the Senate was supposed to be all about: conflict resolution.

As far as Lio goes: I gave you an ultimatum.

"Regardless if you can prove this or not, I don't know how many more of these battles I can fight with you. I'm out of the Senate regardless of if you disprove these things or not. And if you don't find a therapist, I will fully cut you off as a friend. Your support system is gone and I don't want to see you dish it onto others. Not anymore."

If he does get this help, I'm willing to see him grow and change, but not if he continues self destructive behavior, ableist remarks and jokes, and hurts people. He can change the Senate as he pleases, but I won't be around to see it. I don't need to.

Thank you all for reading this. Support Eren. Support Aiden. Support Cosmic. Support me if you're feeling really generous. And support the Supreme Court. I hope it will do its job well.